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Director
Office of Child Care
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Dear OCC Director:

This correspondence describes how Hoonah Indian Association (HIA) plans to use the Child Care and Development Funds (CCDF) awarded under the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSA). We understand that this description will be used to inform the Office of Child Care, Administration for Children and Families and Congress how we anticipate using the funds to support the childcare needs in our jurisdiction.

HIA plans to utilize CRRSA funds for activities in the following categories:

1. Implementation of Virus Mitigation Policies and Practices

HIA will use CRRSA funds to train childcare center staff in the development and implementation of COVID-19 safety and cleaning standards as defined by CDC guidelines and State of Alaska regulations assuring the Tribal Childcare program is able to safely operate and offer services. The HIA safety plan will include protocols for parents dropping off and picking up their children.

2. Assistance to Providers Not Participating in the Subsidy System Prior to the Pandemic

HIA will require further federal guidance before we can plan to spend under this heading.

3. Other

HIA will hire Childcare Center staff including a Center Director, administrative support staff, and instructional care provider staff. HIA will utilize the covid-19 hiatus to assure all Tribal Childcare Center personnel receive credentialing consistent with and required by their position. The advance recruiting, training, and credentialing of Childcare Center personnel will permit HIA to be fully operational by March 2022 when the start of the 2022 Alaska Cruise season creates a demand for the Childcare Center to operate 16 to 18 hours per day 7 days a week through the end of the cruise season in September 2022.

The Hoonah Indian Association will amend our CCDF plan as a result of activities implemented under CRRSA funding not currently described in the plan, within 60 days of implementation.

Sincerely,

/s/

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Tribal Administrator

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